

REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 125-195.

New claims 125-140 and 146-152 are identical or substantially similar to claims 1-3, 5-17, and 20-26 of U.S. Patent Application 10/099,287, filed March 14, 2002, and published on October 2, 2003 as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0186240.

New claims 153-164 and 170-178 are identical or substantially similar to claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16, 18-21, 24, and 27-29 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/108,128, filed March 26, 2002 and published on October 2, 2003 as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0187237.

Support for claim 125 can be found on at least page 15, lines 4-33.

Support for claim 126 can be found on at least page 15, lines 19-20.

Support for claim 127 can be found on at least page 12, lines 21-23.

Support for claim 128 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; and page 10, lines 13-17.

Support for claim 129 can be found on at least page 10, lines 22-27.

Support for claim 130 can be found on at least page 15, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 131 can be found on at least page 15, lines 14-16.

Support for claim 132 can be found on at least page 16, lines 19-20.

Support for claim 133 can be found on at least page 17, lines 23-24.

Support for claim 134 can be found on at least page 15, lines 30-33.

Support for claim 135 can be found on at least page 15, lines 26-29.

Support for claims 136 and 137 can be found on at least page 10, line 32-page 11, line 1.

Support for claim 138 can be found on at least page 8, line 11; page 10, lines 13-17; or page 15, lines 3-24.

Support for claim 139 can be found on at least page 15, lines 14-16.

Support for claim 140 can be found on at least page 8, line 11.

Support for claims 141-145 can be found on at least page 25, lines 27-28.

Support for claim 146 can be found on at least page 15, lines 26-29.

Support for claim 147 can be found on at least page 8, lines 9-11.

Support for claim 148 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; or page 10, lines 13-17.

Support for claim 149 can be found on at least page 15, lines 4-6.

Support for claim 150 can be found on at least page 5, lines 20-22; or page 15, lines 6-20.

Support for claim 151 can be found on at least page 5, lines 20-22.

Support for claim 152 can be found on at least page 17, lines 23-24.

Support for claim 153 can be found on at least page 10, lines 8-17; or page 15, lines 3-24.

Support for claim 154 can be found on at least page 15, lines 26-29.

Support for claim 155 can be found on at least page 15, lines 4-6.

Support for claims 156 and 157 can be found on at least page 15, line 6.

Support for claim 158 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; or page 10, lines 13-

17.

Support for claim 159 can be found on at least page 8, line 20.

Support for claims 160 and 161 can be found on at least page 10, line 22-page 11, line 1.

Support for claim 162 can be found on at least page 8, line 11; page 10, lines 8-17; or
page 15, lines 3-24.

Support for claim 163 can be found on at least page 13, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 164 can be found on at least page 8, line 11.

Support for claims 165-169 can be found on at least page 25, lines 27-28.

Support for claim 170 can be found on at least page 4, line 33-page 5, line 1.

Support for claim 171 can be found on at least page 11, lines 25-28.

Support for claim 172 can be found on at least page 8, line 11.

Support for claim 173 can be found on at least page 5, lines 20-24; or page 15, lines 6-16.

Support for claim 174 can be found on at least page 16, lines 19-20; or page 17, lines 23-

24.

Support for claim 175 can be found on at least page 11, lines 19-20.

Support for claim 176 can be found on at least page 8, line 20.

Support for claim 177 can be found on at least page 13, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 178 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; or page 10, lines 13-

17.

Support for claim 179 can be found on at least page 15, lines 4-24.

Support for claim 180 can be found on at least page 12, lines 21-23.

Support for claim 181 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; or page 10, lines 13-17.

Support for claim 182 can be found on at least page 10, lines 22-27.

Support for claim 183 can be found on at least page 15, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 184 can be found on at least page 16, lines 19-20.

Support for claim 185 can be found on at least page 17, lines 23-24.

Support for claim 186 can be found on at least page 15, lines 30-33.

Support for claim 187 can be found on at least page 10, line 32-page 11, line 1.

Support for claim 188 can be found on at least page 10, lines 13-17; or page 15, lines 3-24.

Support for claim 189 can be found on at least page 8, line 11.

Support for claims 190-194 can be found on at least page 25, lines 27-28.

Support for claim 195 can be found on at least page 8, lines 28-30; or page 10, lines 13-17.

CONCLUSION

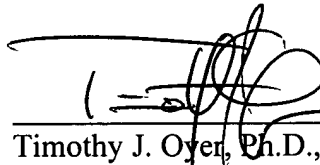
Many of the claims added in this preliminary amendment are identical or substantially similar to claims as published in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0186240 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0187237.

A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If this Response is not considered timely filed and if a Request for an Extension of Time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary Extension of Time. Please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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